

Town of Harpswell Planning Board Minutes February 10, 2016 PUBLIC HEARING Adopted February 17, 2016

Members Present
David I. Chipman, Chair
Paul Standridge, Vice Chair
Burr Taylor
Debora Levensailor

Members Absent
Aaron Fuchs
Frank Wright IV, Associate Member
John Papacosma, Associate Member
Staff Present
Mark Eyerman, Interim Planner

The Town of Harpswell Planning Board meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by David Chipman, Chair. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and Board members were introduced.

Public hearing on revised version of the Insect Growth Regulator and Shoreland Zoning Ordinances.

Mary Ann Nahf of the Conservation Commission explained that the draft amendments have been revised since the last public hearing to address concerns raised at that hearing. She also explained that a revised draft dated February 9, 2016 had been prepared to incorporate suggestions from the Town's legal counsel.

Mike Peasley, Technical Manager of Modern Pest Services expressed concern about discussing the February 9th revisions since he had not seen them prior to the meeting. During the discussion of the revisions, Mr. Peasley expressed concern that the sentence about allowing the use of neonics by licensed applicators outside of the shoreland zone had been removed in that revision. Mr. Peasley also questioned the exemptions for golf courses and nurseries based on draft state legislation and indicated that amendments to that bill had been introduced that will change those provisions. Mr. Peasley expressed concern about the outright prohibition on the use of IGRs. Ms. Nahf reminded him that the current ordinance already includes that prohibition.

There was some discussion as to whether the proposal is ready to move forward to Town Meeting. Ms. Nahf indicated that the Conservation Commission would meet to decide on the next steps. There was a question as to whether another public hearing would be required if the Commission made any substantive changes to the draft. Mark Eyerman indicated that he would check on that before the Commission meets.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM

Respectfully submitted by: Mark Eyerman, Interim Planner